

Fioka Development (1954/9) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

FUNDS : VILLAGE RECONSTRUCTION AND HARIJAN UPLIFT :

FIRKA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Secretary wanted to see the authority for the apportionment of the four crore fund among the four items of Rural Reconstruction Works. Attention is solicited to the Finance (B.E.III) Department note on p. 1 n.f. of L and the apportionment shown at B on the same page which shows that one crore was allotted for Harijan uplift, one crore for village Reconstruction and two crores for Khadi and cottage industries. Please see also see pages 124, 376 and 402 of Detailed Budget Estimates for 1946-47 put up below. A perusal of the G.O. 887 Fin. dated 7-12-1946 and G.O. No. 199 Fin. dated 26-3-1947 will show how and why the "Village Reconstruction and Harijan Uplift" fund of four crores came to be constituted.

It does not appear that there is any other authority to show the apportionment of the four crore fund. Finance may see. They may also be requested to put up the disposal on the file referred to by them at the foot of page 1 n.f. of L, if it throws any light on the question raised by Secretary.

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Please see the notes on pp 1-2 above.

In connection with the budget proposals for 1946-47, the then Premier, Mr. Prakasam noted as follows in the file regarding note for the Finance Minister on budget for 1946-47:

- "(3) Provision may be made for village reconstruction on the basis of self sufficiency. A sum of 3 crores may be provided for making one firka in each district self sufficient on a model. A scheme for this is under preparation. Out of the above three crores, two crores may be set apart for making spinning and weaving self sufficient in the firka selected in each district.
- (4) Provision for one crore may be made for the removal of general disabilities and the uplift of Harijans in selected areas of each district. A scheme for this will be made ready early."

The matter was placed before the Cabinet held on 2-7-1946 to consider the budget proposals and the Cabinet accordingly sanctioned the total amount of 4 crores for the Fund.

As ordered by the Premier, the total amount of Rs.4 crores was apportioned in Finance U.O. No. 26210(A)BG.4 dated 4-7-1946 as shown below:-

2. Crores for spinning and weaving.

1 crore for other expenditure for making one firka in each district self sufficient as model

1 crore for the removal of general disabilities and uplift of Harijans in selected areas of each district.

With these remarks, the case may be returned to Firka Development.

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FIRKA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notes from the bottom of page 2 ante may be perused. The papers may now be recorded as G.O. (Ms).

This file deals with the apportionment of four crore fund among the 4 items of Village Reconstruction and Harijan Uplift. My note on pp 2-3 ante sets out the position. The Finance Department note above, explains how the amount came to be provided in the budget.

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The Finance Department's note shows that Rs. 2 crores are set apart for spinning and weaving. No provision is made for cottage industries. In fact, cottage industries, mentioned by Asst. Secretary at page 3 n.f. do not seem to come into the picture.

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Finance may see with reference to Secretary's remarks above. They may kindly say whether my note on p.3 ante Re: the apportionment of 4 crore fund and the provision made for cottage industries is correct.

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FINANCE DEPTT.

(Previous Finance note on pp 3-4 above)

The note of the Asst. Secretary, Firka Development, at "K" above seems to be correct. Attention in this connection is invited to the notes of the then Premier Mr. Prakasam on p.232 of the Budget Note at C. A provision of Rs. 2 crores was made in the Budget for 1946-47 for weaving and spinning and other cottage industries - vide page 386 of the Budget for 1946-47.

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Finance Deptt. have held that my note regarding the apportionment of 4 crores is correct. The provision of 2 crores for spinning and weaving include cottage industries also - vide the provision made on p.376 of the Budget for 1946-47 put up below. As already explained, the special fund of 4 crores is made up of-

- 1 crore for village reconstruction (Firka Development),
- 2 crores for spinning and weaving and other cottage industries (Khadi and cottage industries)
- 1 crore for Harijan Uplift.

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Secretary.

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